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BY WOLFE

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the purchase and registration of motor
2 vehicles during periods of impoundment, immobilization,
3 or driver's license revocation resulting from certain
4 operating-while-intoxicated offenses.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321J.4B, subsection 11, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) A person convicted of an offense under subsection 2
4 shall not purchase or register any motor vehicle during the
5 period of impoundment, immobilization, or license revocation,
6 unless the person holds a valid temporary restricted license
7 issued pursuant to section 321.215 or 321J.20.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Under current law, if a person operates a motor vehicle in
12 violation of Code section 321J.2 (operating while intoxicated),
13 and if convicted, the conviction would be a second or
14 subsequent offense, or if a person operates a motor vehicle
15 while that person's driver's license has been suspended,
16 denied, revoked, or barred due to a violation of Code section
17 321J.2, the motor vehicle operated by the person may be subject
18 to impoundment or immobilization. A person convicted of such
19 an offense is prohibited from purchasing or registering any
20 motor vehicle during the period of impoundment, immobilization,
21 or license revocation. This bill allows a person convicted
22 of such an offense to purchase or register any motor vehicle
23 during the period of impoundment, immobilization, or license
24 revocation, if the person holds a valid temporary restricted
25 license.

26 By operation of law, a violation of this provision is a
27 serious misdemeanor punishable by a fine of at least \$315 but
28 not to exceed \$1,875 and imprisonment not to exceed one year.